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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 0714

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, MOPS, CD, LY
SUBJECT: SITUATION AT FAYA LARGEAU

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME MORNING OF FEB. 18 THAT RADIO CONTACT WITH FAYA LARGEAU HAS BEEN LOST AND IT IS ASSUMED THE TOWN HAS FALLEN TO THE REBELS. THIS MEANS THAT ENTIRE NORTHERN HALF OF CHAD IS NOW IN REBEL HANDS. CHADIAN ARMY HAS LOST 2,000 OF ITS 5,000 MEN, AND THE REMAINING 3,000 ARE THINLY SPREAD OUT IN INDIVIDUAL SMALL GARRISONS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTRY.

2. FRENCH MILITARY ASSESSMENT IS THAT THERE IS NO HOPE OF STOPPING REBEL DRIVE TOWARDS THE SOUTH. THEY BELIEVE REBELS CAN BE IN NDJAMENA WITHIN A WEEK.

3. COMMENT: FOREGOING IS A QUOTE WORST CASE UNQUORE ASSESSMENT. WHILE MILITARILY SOUND, IT PRESUPPOSES THAT
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REBELS HAVE THE LOGISTIC CAPABILITY AND THE WILL TO MOVE SOUTH RAPIDLY. IT ALSO PRESUMES QADHAFI WANTS SUCH A DEVELOPMENT. (IN THIS CONNECTION, MINISTER GOUARA LASSOU IS IN TRIPOLI NOW AND HAS PROPOSED A MEETING BETWEEN MALLOUM AND QADHAFI. THE LATTER HAS NOT RESPONDED.)

4. WE WILL WATCH DEVELOPMENTS CAREFULLY AND WILL REMOVE

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PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS FROM BOL AREA AT FIRST SIGN REBELS
ARE MOVING SOUTH. WILL MAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS
AS SITUATION DEVELOPS.BRADFORD

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